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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Disability Certificate
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many of the disability certificates issued by the States are not valid across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of categories of physical disability and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has conducted any survey in all the States across the country to collect data on the number of disabled persons living there; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) In order to solve this problem, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 notified by the Government on 28.12.2016 mandates validity of the disability certificate issued by a certifying authority across the country. Further, the Ministry has developed a web-based software application for issuance of disability certificate along with Unique Identity Card to all persons with disabilities across the country

(c) In the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 notified on 28.12.2016, the following disabilities are recognized as against earlier 7 disabilities:

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1. Physical disability:

A. Locomotor Disability, including:
(a). Leprosy Cured persons
(b). Cerebral Palsy
(c). Dwarfism
(d). Muscular Dystrophy
(e). Acid Attack victim
B. Visual impairment:
(a). Blindness
(b). Low vision
C. Hearing Impairment:
(a). Deaf
(b). hard of hearing
D. Speech and language disability

2. Intellectual disability, including:
(a). Specific Learning Disabilities
(b). Autism Spectrum Disorder

3. Mental Illness

4. Disability caused due to
(a). Chronic Neurological conditions, such as
(i) Multiple Sclerosis
(ii) Parkinsons disease
(a). Blood Disorder
(i) Hemophilia
(ii) Thalassemia
(iii) Sickle Cell disease

5. Multiple Disabilities including deaf blindness

(d) & (e) As per Census 2011 there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities. State-wise population of persons with disabilities is at Annexure.

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